

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of	)	Group Art Unit: 1656
Poulose, A.J.	)	Examiner: Moore, William W.
Serial No.: 10/500,936	)	Confirmation No.: 1489
Filed: March 25, 2005	)	
For: Multiply-Substituted Protease	)	
Variants	)	

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**Response to Final Office Action Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The present communication is in response to the Final Office Action mailed February 18, 2009, in the above-identified application and in support of the Request for Continued Examination, filed herewith. It is being timely filed on or before August 18, 2009 in view of an accompanying petition for a three (3) month Extension of Time.

Amendments to the claims are reflecting in the Listing of the Claims that begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 3.